SRI H. R. KESHAVAMURTHY.—Sir, certain new points were discussed and we request the Hon'ble Food Minister to reply.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member must have a certain amount of knowledge of procedure. Moreover, this is not a debate for which a reply was due. Still we so managed so that the House might have the satisfaction, and the house was given the fullest opportunity, a reply was given.

MOTION OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE MYSORE MUNICIPALITIES (ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS) RULES, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER.—As regards the next business, I suppose the Hon'ble Minister has gone through the amendments. If there is any agreement it can be simplified. The matter relates to certain amendments which have been suggested. If there is any agreement, it is allright. Otherwise, we will continue the debate.

SRI R. M. PATIL (Minister for Development, Panchayati Raj and Municipal Administration).—Sir, I agree on three of these rules. Accordingly the rules have been amended and they have been notified. Notifications have been issued.

MR. SPEAKER.—I suppose the Hon'ble Member has got that.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Only with regard to one.

MR. SPEAKER.—Let us see what has happened with regard to the amendments which have been carried.

SRI V. S. PATIL.—I am aware of only one with regard to No. 1.

MR. SPEAKER.—Which one ?

SRI V. S. PATIL.—That is the rule second from the beginning. "In rule 2, sub-rule (2) (a) for the words 'a mark' substitute the words 'his thumb-mark'.

MR. SPEAKER.—Therefore, it goes out and the member had not moved it.

SRI V. S. PATIL.—Yes, Sir. With regard to the rest.....

SRI R. M. PATIL.—There is one more thing. Amendment of Rule 3. In rule 3 of the Mysore Municipalities, President, Vice-President election rules.....

MR. SPEAKER.—There is no amendment moved by Sri V. S. Patil.

SRI R. M. PATIL.—After sub rule (5), the following sub-rule shall be added, namely, "in the case of elections held under sub-rule (1) (2).... four weeks from the date of the constitution or reconstitution of the municipal council.....referred to in sub-rule (4), as the case may be". Instead of "three weeks....."

MR. SPEAKER.—There are three amendments proposed. Which is the one covered by it ?

SRI V. S. PATIL.—In part 2.

MR. SPEAKER.—There are three in it.

SRI V. S. PATIL.—No. (2) of Part II Mysore Municipalities (President, Vice-President Election) Rules. I had suggested "within 21 days". For that Government have amended as rule 4 (b).

MR. SPEAKER.—That does not matter, for the member is not moving the amendment.

SRI R. M. PATIL.—By this amendment of rule (3), the entire suggestion so far as part II is concerned will go.

MR. SPEAKER.—It becomes unnecessary. Would it be all right ?

SRI V. S. PATIL.—This part II may not be considered. But in Part II, this (1), "within 21 days".....

MR. SPEAKER.—Hon'ble Minister suggests that consequent on the four weeks provided in (2), it becomes infructuous. Amendment of part II also goes. What about (3) ?

We will now finish the Mysore Municipalities (Election of Councillors) Rules. Is the member moving it ?

SRI V. S. PATIL.—Yes, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER.—I would suggest that the entire set of Part I be taken up for Consideration.

SRI V. S. PATIL.—I beg to move :

" This House approves that the following amendments be made in the Mysore Municipalities (Election of Councillors) Rules, 1965, laid on the Table of the House on the 27th March, 1965, namely :—

1. In rule 2, sub-rule (1) (d) after the words " Kannada language " add the words " and any other language of the locality."

2. .....

3. In rule 16, sub-rule (2) add the words at the end " or any other language of the Municipal area."

4. In rule 16, sub-rule (4) delete the words " except where it is inconsistent.....it thinks fit."

5. In rule 19, substitute the words " one or more persons " for the words " one person."

6. In rule 28, sub-rule (2) substitute the word " Commissioner " for the word " Government " wherever it occurs.

7. In rule 29 (1) (a) delete the words " to such an extent..... be ascertained."

8. In rule 35, sub-rule (1) insert the following words " the candidates, or their election agents or "between the words " signatures of such of " and the words " the polling agent."

9. In rule 56, sub-rule (3) insert the words " candidate or his election agent or " between the words " each " and " counting agent."

10. In rule 58 add the words " or the counting agent " after the words " electiion agent."

This House recommends to the Legislative Council that Legislative Council do concur in the said Motions."

I do not propose to move item (2).

MR. SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

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1. In rule 2, sub-rule (1) (d) after the words " Kannada language " add the words " and any other language of the locality."

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This House recommends to the Legislative Council that Legislative Council do concur in the said Motions."

Item No. 2 has been deleted. Items 1, 3 to 10 all these amendments are open for discussion.

SRI V. S. PATIL.—So far as item No. (1) is concerned, the rule says " form means ..... translation in Kannada language." I have suggested here that in additien to the Kannada language, if the city or the town is predominantly or more than 20 per cent of the population belongs to any other language, then Kannada—the form may be maintained in that local language also. This principle of 20 per cent and more has been accepted in most of the enactments and the orders of the Government to print the voters' list and necessary documents in both the languages, Kannada as well as the regional or local language of that place. My suggestion is in consonance with the practice followed by the Government, and " any other language of the locality " is quite essential to be added. Otherwise, unnecessary misunderstanding will crop up. I do not want such a sort of misunderstanding to crop up in the minds of people. That is why I have moved this amendment—No. 1. It is being followed consistently for a long period in Bombay even when we were in the Bombay area. I submit that this is an essential amendment.

Amendment item No. 3 also refers to the same thing. The addition is " in addition to the Kannada language, any other language of the municipal area..." That is the addition which I have suggeeted and it also is in consonance with the practice followed to safeguard the interests of the minorities in any of these municipal areas.

Then No. 4 refers to Rule 16 of the Election of Councillors Rules

MR. SPEAKER.—Delete the words " except where it is inconsistent ....."

SRI V. S. PATIL.—Preparation and publication of lists of contending candidates. In this sub rule 2 it says that the names of the candidates shall be arranged alphabetically according to the script of Kannada language. In addition to this I have suggested the addition of " any other language of the municipal area ". It is always arranged in alphabetical order.

Item 4 refers to sub-clause 4. Here the wording is " allotment by the returning officer of any symbol to a candidate shall be final ". And the words which I should like to delete is " except where it is inconsistent with any direction issued by the Government or the Commissioner in this behalf ". This may be deleted. When we give power to the returning officer, even supposing, technically he commits a mistake. But if these words are there, it will create a sort of trouble by approaching the higher authorities and getting the election postponed unnecessarily. So, these words may not be for smooth working, but may be used for creating troubles. That is why I have requested for the deletion of the words " except where it is inconsistent with the directions issued by the Commissioner or the Government in this behalf ".

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Next is Rule 19, item No. 5, provision is made that at the time of counting of votes, one person shall be present. This is troublesome because there may be many tables arranged and if the candidate is allowed to have only one agent, neither the counting agent nor the candidate can look after all the tables at the time of counting. So, discretion should be given to the returning officer to see that in counting there is no suspicion in the minds of the candidates concerned. Some discretion should be given to him to allow as many counting agents as there are tables. Or at least half of that number may be given to the candidates to nominate their counting agents. Otherwise, it will be very difficult. One person cannot supervise the whole booth. That is why I have suggested this amendment.

Item 6.—This refers to Rule 28. I have substituted the word " Commissioner " for the word " Government " wherever it occurs. The date and all those things are given to the Returning Officer. But if poll is adjourned, then commissioner is the person who is the supervising authority under the Municipalities Act. If this matter is left to the

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Government it takes a very long time. It is very difficult to get the orders from the Government because all this correspondence will have to pass through proper channel, Deputy Commissioner, Commissioner and then the Government, and unnecessary delays are likely to be caused in holding elections which have been adjourned for emergency. That is why I would like to suggest that instead of "Government" if the word "Commissioner" is there, all the delays likely to be caused and unnecessary work increased for Government, may be reduced. After all, commissioner is not the servant of the municipality and he is the servant of the Government. He will definitely carry out the intentions of the Government.

The next amendment is to rule 29 item (*Vide* item No. 7) It is stated :

"If at any election,—

(*a*) any ballot box used at a polling station is unlawfully taken out of the custody of the presiding officer or the returning officer, or is accidentally or intentionally destroyed or lost, or is damaged or tampered with, *to such an extent, that the result of the poll at that polling station cannot be ascertained, or*" ....

There is no necessity to add the words "to such an extent the result of the poll cannot be ascertained". Supposing at the polling booth some boxes are taken away or papers are spoiled or some marks of papers are spoiled, when counting takes place, the intention can be ascertained. It cannot be said that simply because the box was taken or tampered with unless the votes are destroyed, etc., re-election cannot be ordered. The words "to such an extent that the result of the poll at that polling station cannot be ascertained" are not correct. My submission is, even if boxes are taken away from the custody of the presiding officer or if it is tampered with, that must be sufficient ground for holding re-election or taking votes afresh. Merely because the election can be ascertained by counting the votes, should not be the criterion. That is why I have submitted this amendment.

Item No. 8;—Next is amendment to Rule 35 (i). It is :

"Where a paper seal is used for securing a ballot box, the presiding officer shall affix his own signature on the paper seal and obtain thereon the signatures of such of the polling agents present as are desirous of affixing the same."

The wording is there shall be paper seal and signature of the presiding officer. Supposing an election agent and the candidate are present at the time when the preparation of ballot boxes is done. Then the candidate may sign or his election agent may sign instead of the polling agent. So, when there higher officers, why only polling agent should be men-

tioned ? So, I have submitted that either the candidate or his election agent or polling agent may be allowed to sign.

This is a reasonable amendment.

Amendment to Rule 56 (3) constituties item No. 9. The rule is :

"Before rejecting any ballot paper under sub-rule (2), the returning officer shall allow each counting agent present a reasonable opportunity to inspect the ballot paper but shall not allow him to handle it or any other ballot paper."

The counting agent is given the paper. The candidate and his agent will always be present. These persons, the candidate and agent must be given opportunity as is given to the counting agent. Those persons should not be excluded. It appears a small mistake is committed while drafting.

I submit that the powers and functions of the candidate and election agents should not be overlooked in preference to their agents. That is why I have submitted this amendment to Rule 58 (item No. 10).

I submit that the Government may kindly consider sympatehtically these amendments.

SRI R. M. PATIL.—Sir, amendment Nos. 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10 to rules 19, 28, 35, 56 and 58 respectively are acceptable. As regards Item 1 in a city like Bangalore, K. G. F. or Belgaum or Gulbarga or Raichur, we have to consider the fact that there are a number of languages in the locality. If we include this amendment, it will complicate the issue. Therefore, I am not accepting it. Similarly amendment numbers 3, 4, and 7 are also un-acceptable.

MR. SPEAKER.—I will put the amendments one after another. The question is :

" That in rule 2, sub-rule (1) (d) after the words ' Kannada language ' add the words 'and any other language of the locality'. "

The amendment was negatived.

MR. SPEAKER.—The second amendment is not moved. I will put the third amendment. The question is :

" That in rule 16, sub-rule (2) add the words at the end ' or any other language of the Municipal area '."

The amendment was negatived.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That in rule 16, sub-rule (4) delete the words ' except where it is inconsistent.....it thinks fit ' ".

The amendment was negatived.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 19, substitute the words ' one or more persons ' for the words ' one person ' ".

The amendment was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 28, sub-rule (2) substitute the word ' Commissioner ' for the word ' Government ' wherever it occurs ".

The amendment was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 29 (1) (a) delete the words ' To such an extent... ....be ascertained ' ".

The amendment was negatived.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 35, sub-rule (1) insert the following words ' the candidates, or their election agents or ' between the words ' signatures of such of ' and words ' the polling agent' ".

The amendment was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 56, sub-rule (3) insert the words ' candidate or his election agent or ' between the words ' each ' and ' counting agent ' ".

The amendment was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 58 add the words ' or the counting agent ' after the word ' election agent '."

The amendment was adopted.

Motion to Refer to the Legislative Council.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That this House recommends to the Legislative Council that the Legislative Council do concur in the Motions adopted by the House ".

The motion was adopted.

MOTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MYSORE MUNICIPALITIES (PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS) RULES, 1965.

MR. SPEAKER.—Since the member is not moving Part II we will take up Part III in the Procedure and Conduct of Business Rules, 1965.

Sri V. S. Patil may please move the amendments.

SRI V. S. PATIL.—I beg to move the following amendments :—

" This House approves that the following amendments be made to the Mysore Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) Rules, 1965, laid on the Table of the House on the 7th April, 1965, namely:—

1. In rule 8 for the words ' after taking the sense of the meeting ' substitute the words ' after taking the sense of the Councillors who were present at that meetng.'

2. In rule 9, sub-rule (1) (*f*) (a) delete item (ii) ; and (b) in item (iv) delete the words ' forty-five ' and for the word ' thirty ' substitute ' sixty.'

3. In rule 15, substitute the word ' thirty ' for the word ' five ,' for the word ' ten ' substitute the words ' forty-five ' and for the word ' thirty ' substitute ' sixty '.

4. In rule 17, delete the proviso.

5. In rule 21, (1) insert the word ' substitute or ' between the words ' to add ' and ' words '.

6. In rule 24, insert the words ' or substitute ' between the words ' or addition ' and ' of certain words '.

7. In rule 30, delete the proviso.

8. In rule 31, delete sub-clause (*c*).

9. In rule 37, substitute the words ' fifteen minutes ' for the words ' five minutes '.

10. In rule 46, add the following as sub-rule ' (3) All questions shall be answered by the Chief Officer or the Municipal Commissioner as the case may be.'

11. In rule 67 delete the words ' provided the same.....such decision '.

' This House recommends to Legislative Council that Legislative Council do concur in the said motions.'

MR. SPEAKER.—Amendments moved :

" This House approves that the following amendments be made to the Mysore Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) Rules, 1965, laid on the Table of the House on the 7th April, 1965, namely :—

1. In rule 8 for the words 'after taking the sense of the meeting' substitute the words ' after taking the sense of the Councillors who were present at that meeting.'

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2. In rule 9, sub-rule (1) (*f*) (a) delete item (ii) ; and (b) in item (iv) delete the words 'forty-five' and the word 'thirty' substitute, 'sixty.'

3. In rule 15, substitute the word 'thirty' for the word 'five', for the word 'ten' substitute the words 'forty-five' and for the word 'thirty' substitute 'sixty.'

4. In rule 17, delete the proviso.

5. In rule 21, (1) insert the word 'substitute or' between the words 'to add' and 'words'.

6. In rule 24, insert words 'or substitute' between the words 'or addition' and 'of certain words'.

7. In rule 30, delete the proviso.

8. In rule 31, delete sub-clause (*c*).

9. In rule 37, substitute the words 'fifteen minutes' for the words 'five minutes'.

10. In rule 46, add the following as sub-rule '(3) All questions shall be answered by the Chief Officer or the Municipal Commissioner as the case may be.'

11. In rule 67, delete the words 'provided the same.....such decision'.

"This House recommends to Legislative Council that Legislative Council do concur in the said motions".

SRI V. S. PATIL.—I am not going to move (b) in rule 9 and I will move only (a) of item No. 2 of the....

MR. SPEAKER.—I cannot split it like that. Anyway, I will look into the rules. The member's right is to take it as a unit ; once he gives notice of it and it is admitted, he cannot split it like that.

†SRI V. S. PATIL.—In rule 9, the wording of (*f*) is that the matter of every speech shall be strictly relevant to the matter under discussion before the meeting and a Councillor while speaking shall not make a personal charge against another Councillor or officer or other employee of the Government of Mysore or the Municipal Council. My Learned Friend the Hon'ble Minister knows what is going on in the Municipalities. He must be aware how the officers employed there as well as some of the Councillors and committees behave in municipal affairs. If this restriction is put up, I think much of the arguments to be advanced in a Municipal Committee will be restricted and restrained. A Municipal Council is not Assembly like this where we have to observe so many decorums. If this item (ii) remains, it is every difficult to bring out certain matters which are done behind the back of the Municipal Council. It is very difficult to understand why this restriction has been placed. Supposing a Municipal Council by a majority has done something which is detrimental to the subjects of that particular city or town, if this restriction is kept, the Councillor will not be able to express his views and point out in what way it has done the wrong thing. This restriction will defeat the very

purpose for which these Councillors meet together and express their views regarding the deeds or misdeeds of the persons concerned. So, I submit this restriction should not be there and it ought to be removed.

SRI R. M. PATIL.—Sir, with great humility I submit that my Hon'ble Friend's doubt will be cleared if he reads the main clause. It says that the matter of every speech shall be strictly relevant to the matter under discussion before the meeting and a councillor while speaking shall not make a personal charge against a councillor or officer or other employee of the Government of Mysore or the Municipal Council. To maintain the decorum and decency of the meetings of Municipal Councils these restrictions are absolutely found necessary. Therefore, I oppose this amendment.

SRI V. S. PATIL.—My point has not been properly appreciated by the Hon'ble Minister.

SRI R. M. PATIL.—In order to make it clearer to my friend I may say that personal charges will not help the administration of Municipal Councils. To prevent the Councillors from indulging in such matters his restriction has been imposed.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Sir, rule 15 refers to the time allowed for speaking. It says :

> " No Councillor shall on any occasion speak for more than five minutes, provided that the mover of a motion or amendment while opening the debate may speak for ten minutes and provided further that the presiding authority may at his discretion permit a councillor in the course of debate to speak for a period not exceeding thirty minutes."

This is a very great curtailment of the right of speech. This restriction must be removed and sufficient time must be given to the Councillors to express themselves. That is why I have sugtested this amendment to rule 15. The object is to give full scope to the Councillors to express themselves fully at the time of the meetings. It is no use curtailing these powers. Otherwise, the very existence of these Councils will be of no use. I hope the Government will be pleased to accept it.

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Mr. SPEAKER.—I suppose all that is over. I have simply to put it to vote.

†Sri V. S. PATIL.—Then, I will speak on all my other amendments. Amendment No. 4—how the amendments are to be moved is given. If a motion has been moved—I am reading from the original rule and the proviso. This is a proviso which I should like to delete. "Provided that any Councillor....more than one amendment.....except when such motion is for the passing of the Budget or set of general rules or otherwise of such a nature as to require the making of any amendments...."

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Here, except for these two or three purposes, the right of the councillors to put amendment is restricted. Suppose after discussing or during discussion a member thinks that he should move another amendment. Then, according to this proviso, he will be debarred. That should not be the Case. The presidng authority will consider what amendments are to be allowed, etc. That is why I have proposed the deletion of this proviso.

Then, No. 5—under rule 21. My amendment is 'insert the word "substitute or" between the words "to add" and "words." Here, Sir, it is a technical omission according to me. "The amendment shall usually be in the form of a proposal to omit words from the original proposition to insert therein or to add the words thereto". Here the word 'substitute' has not at all been mentioned. Insertion means addition in between the words. "Add words" mean add at any place. Or omit. These are the only words mentioned. Substitute means exchanging words which are originally there by some other words. This is a technical thing. I think it will have to be accepted by the Government, because it does not change the nature. If the word substitute is not there, tomorrow when the working of the municipal council goes on,if supposing a member proposes "in place of so many words, substitute the following words", that will not come within the four corners of this rule. That is why I should like to submit that the word substitute is necessary in addition to the words insert, delete, etc. In addition to them, the word substitute is quite essential and I hope the Hon'ble Minister may accept it.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Sir, this word sustitute is redundant. If these words are understood in their true and appropriate meaning, the meaning of the word substitute will be there. Therefore, it is redundant. "Omit, add or insert" if we read all these words, the meaning of the word substitute will be there. Therefore addition of the word substitute is not necessary.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—I then move my next amendment—amendment No. 6. Here also it deals with the same thing as the previous amendment—insertion of the word "substitute." Here my apprehension is that amendments to amendments be amended by omission, insertion or addition of certain words. Here, substitute of these words is quite essential according to me. If the Government accepts, this will make easy the working of the Municipal Councils.

Then I refer to amendment No. 7—rule No. 30. Here it deals about the notice of resolution. The main rule is "A Councillor who wishes to move a resolution.." The proviso is "Provided that no member shall be permitted to send in notice of more than two resolutions for an ordinary general meeting." Suppose if an industrious councillor is there and he wants to move several resolutions in the ordinary general meeting, then he will be debarred. This will be a damper to the sctive worker in the local authority. To work more and to bring forth several resolutions which will be beneficial for the town or city will be denied to him. I do

not understand why this restriction has been put up to 2 resolutions. I think the Municipal Councillor must have the liberty to bring in any number of resolutions required so far as municipal administration is concerned. If this restriction is there, then I think, the active members will be curtailed in their business of bringing about some improvements in their towns or cities. That is why I have moved this.

Then the next one refers to rule 31 clause (c). Rule 31 deals with the conditions of admissibility of resolutions. Clause (c) says " it shall not relate to a matter which is not the primary concern of the municipal council or any of the municipal authorities." Regarding this item, a case from Bombay, *i.e.*, the death of *Comrade Imra Nagi*, the controversy went even up to the Supreme Court, whether the municipal authority is entitled to take up steps which are not the primary concerns of the municipality. I feel Sir, as we are citizens of the world, not only citizens of this place or that place, this country or that country, whatever happens anywhere, we have got a right to express our views. Supposing a big man in another country, a world famous man dies, then certainly every municipal council, any municipal body has got a right to express the grief. If tomorrow this restriction is there, even if a well known prominent person in the world dies, nobody will be allowed to move a resolution even of condolence. , Such a restriction should not be there. I submit that such a clause has created a great row in the Bombay Municipal Corporation, Bombay High Court and then Supreme Court. That is why I suggest that liberty should be given to the people to express their views on matters which are not primary concerns of that municipality.

Amendment 9 to rule 37, here, the time limit of speeches is the heading of the rule. Five minutes is too short a time and so I have suggested fifteen minutes ; it is not to exceed fifttten minutes ; that is the highest limit that is placed. Fifteen minutes is a reasonable period and I hope Government will consider this favourable.

Then, amendment No. 10 to rule 48, the Heading is, mode of asking question. When questions are asked by a Councillor, who is to answer ? Nothing is made clear here. That is why, I have suggested in this amendment by inserting sub clause 3 " those persons who are the executive heads should answer ". As we are getting answers from the Executive Government, similar pattern should be introduced in the Municipal Council also.

Then, amendment 11 to rule 67, here, Sir, I have asked for deletion of the words " provided that the same members or majority of them be present to review the decision." Supposing a Standing Committee consisted of ten members and five of them were present in the previous meeting and they passed a resolution. In the subsequent meeting, if 6 were present but the majority of those who had passed the resolution were not there, then, we cannot take this at all. So, this will be the difficulty in the actual working of that Body. That is why, I should like to suggest that the amendments may be accepted.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Sir, I have answered almost all the points. With regard to amendment 1, it can be accepted because it is more or less a verbal clarification. With regard to amendment 10, if my friend reads section 62, sub-section (b) he will see that the Chief Officer will answer the questions. With regard to rule 67, I need not say anything because saying something will be a repetition. These are amendments which deserve to be rejected.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 8 for the words ' after taking the sense of the meeting ' substitute the words ' after taking the sense of the Councillors who were present at that meeting' ".

The amendment was adopted.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Sir about amendment 2, part (b) is not in the rule at all. I do not know how it has occrred to me at that time. But, when I read the rule, 2(b) is not in the rule at all.

So, I said, I wanted (a) and (b).

Mr. SPEAKER.—I was thinking of getting some guidance from some members like my predecessor in office. So, now shall I put it to the vote of the House or will the hon'ble member withdraw it ?

Sri V. S. PATIL.—If the House permits, I will withdraw the amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Has the hon'ble member permission of the House to withdraw his amendment to rule 9 ?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.

The amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 15, substitute the word ' thirty ' for the word ' five ', for the word ' ten ' substitute the words ' forty-five and for the word ' thirty ' substitute ' sixty '.

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 17, delete the proviso."

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 21(1) insert the word ' substitute or ' between the words ' to add ' and 'words' ".

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 24, insert the words ' or substitute ' between the words ' or addition ' and ' of certain words'. "

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 30, delete the proviso."

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 31, delete sub-clause (*c*). "

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 37, substitute the words ' fifteen minutes ' for the words ' five minutes '. "

The amendment was negatived.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—If the House permits I will withdraw amendment No. 10.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Has the member leave of the House to withdraw amendment No. 10 ?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.

The amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That in rule 67 delete the words ' provided the same.... such decision '. "

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That this House recommends to the Legislative Council that the Legislative Council do concur in the motions adopted by the House ".

The motion was adopted.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING JULY-AUGUST 1966 SESSION.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is one more item, *i.e.*, half-an-hour debate on a very important matter. He may kindly make up his mind. I will tell the House the work we have done in this session.